# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In re: Francis D. Koblak and Kathryn A. Koblak, Debtors.

Case No. 05-43012-PBS Chapter 7 Case Judge Paul B. Snyder

Pam Lieske 4925 Parkway Drive Garfield Hts., OH 44125

**Plaintiff** 

-VS-

Francis D. Koblak Kathryn. A. Koblak 206 Tilley Avenue Centralia, WA. 98531 OS JUL -8 AM IO: 1:

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**Defendants** 

#### **COMPLAINT TO DETERMINE DISCHARGEABILITY OF DEBT**

Now comes Plaintiff, Pam Lieske, with her complaint that states as follows:

- 1. This action arises in the bankruptcy case of Francis D. Koblak and Kathryn A. Koblak under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and being Case No. 05-43012-PBS presently pending before this Court.
- 2. The Plaintiff, Pam Lieske, is a creditor of the Defendants, as the result of a real estate transaction which occurred between the parties on or about May 2002.

- 3. On or about May 16, 2002, Plaintiff made an offer, and subsequently purchased, from the Defendants, the real property located at 4925 Parkway Drive, Garfield Hts, OH 44125. (A copy of the Offer to Purchase is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4. In conjunction with the execution of this purchase, Plaintiff was provided with a Residential Property Disclosure Form, which had been executed by the Defendant, Francis Koblak on January 3, 2002. A copy of this Disclosure Form, hereby called Disclosure Statement, is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. Plaintiff received a copy of the Disclosure Statement prior to purchasing the above mentioned property and relied on the Disclosure Statement and the representations of the Defendants therein regarding the condition of the real property.
- 6. Essentially, the Disclosure Statement set forth no known defects in the real property other than basement water problems that were resolved once the city sewer was cleaned of roots.
- 7. In fact, the Disclosure Statement executed by the Defendants and provided to the Plaintiff was not accurate and such inaccuracies were known to the Defendants at the time they caused the Disclosure Statement to be provided to Plaintiff. Specifically, the real property was afflicted with (1) substantial backyard flooding, (2) substantial basement flooding, (3) clogged storm laterals, (4) combined sanitary and storm lines, (5) sewer odors in the basement and garage.
- 8. The above mentioned defects were not readily observable by the Plaintiff or her home inspector prior the purchase of the real property.
- 9. The disclosure and representations made by the Defendants to the Plaintiff regarding the condition of the real property were false, and were known by the Defendants to be false at the time they made such representations.

- 10. The Defendants' false representations regarding the real property were material to the transaction between the Plaintiff and Defendants since the Plaintiff relied on such representations when deciding to purchase the real property.
- 11. As a result of the Defendants' false representations, the Plaintiff spent more than six months determining the complex nature of the property's longstanding flooding problems. She has paid \$5900 in repairs, has an additional \$10,900 to pay to finish repairs, has paid \$3100 to an attorney to initiate proceedings against the Defendants, has lost hundreds of dollars in personal property, and has paid hundreds more to re-landscape both the front and backyards. In addition, her homeowner's insurance company refused to reinstate her policy; she is now paying more money for a homeowner's insurance policy with substantially less coverage, and she can no longer afford an attorney to pursue this matter further.
- 12. The damages visited upon the Plaintiff as a result of the Defendants' conduct constitute a debt for money that was obtained by false pretenses, false representation and/or actual fraud. A copy of Plaintiff's previously retained lawyer's initial letter to the Defendants and a copy of the pending legal charges filed against them are attached hereto as Exhibit C and Exhibit D. A copy of Garfield Heights, Ohio maintenance records for the years 1999-2001 for the property at 4925 Parkway Drive is attached hereto as Exhibit E. A copy of a statement made by the Maintenance Manager for the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers Sewer Maintenance Department is attached hereto as Exhibit F. A copy of a statement made by the Plaintiff's contractor attesting to the longstanding drainage and water problems is attached hereto as Exhibit G.
- 13. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants are excluded from the Defendants' discharge pursuant to the provisions of \$523 (a) (2) (A) of the Bankruptcy Code.

  WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants that the claims set forth

herein are excluded from the Defendants' discharge pursuant to the provisions of \$523 (a) (2) (A) of the Bankruptcy Code and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable..

Sincerely,

Pam Lieske

Pam Lieske 4925 Parkway Drive Garfield Hts, OH 44125 (216) 581-7749 plieske@kent.edu

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CENTURY 21 Arrow Realty 4975 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts. Ohio 44125

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OFFER TO PURCHASE Each Office Independently named and Operated 44125 LIESKE *AMELA* with all appurtenant rights, privileges and easements, thereunto belonging subject to all legal highways and including, without timutations, all the land, buildings and fixtures as are now on the property in their present condition, including but not timited to such of the following: all electrical, heating, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, window and door shades; window and door screens; storm windows and doors, shutters; awnings; venetian blinds; curtain, traverse and drape rods; ceiling fans; fireplace tools, screen, glass doors and grate; garage door opener and all controls; wall to wall carpeting; TV antanna; smoke detectors; shrubs, trees and all landscaping THE CITY OF GARFIEL Ha. Ohio Zip 44/2. The street and number is 4225 In the land as per the County auditors Map Records.

3. [PRICE] for which we agree to pay the sum of s. 7 K-5/18/42 and the Percei being sold is to include all MARKWAY secured by first mortgage to any available landing institution, at current market interest rates and terms, 500. TSEE PURCHASE AGGREEMEN 4 DDENDAM 4. [FINANCING] It is specifically understood and agreed that the purchasers herein shall apply for a first mortgage loan within seven (7) days from the sellers acceptance date of this agreement. Loan commitment to be secured within (2) banking days. If, despite PURCHASHERS good faith efforts, a loan commitment cannot be obtained, then this agreement shall be null and void. Upon signing of a mutual release by SELLER and PURCHASER, the earnest money deposit shall be returned to the PURCHASER without any further tiability of either party to the other or CENTURY 21 Arrow Realty.

5. [CLOSING] All funds and documents necessary for the completion of this transaction shall be placed in escrew with the lending institution or title company on or about TUNE (2) 700. and title shall be transferred on or about TUNE (20) 200.

6. [TITLE] SELLER to give good and sufficient deed and title to said properly and furnish one-half of the cost of a pwiners fee policy of Title Insurance in the amount of the purchase price showing same to be free of all liens and encumbrances except restrictions of record, coning ordinances, easements, and rights of ways, if any. Title commitment to be furnished by CACAT TOURTHERY TITLE. If any defect of title or encroschment is discovered prior to the time of closing and is not waived by PURCHASER. The SELLER's shall be entitled to a reasonable extension of time for closing, but no more than thirty (30) days from the date the SELLER is notified of the defect, for an apportunity to remove such defect.

7. [POSSESSIOM] Possession of vacated premises to be delivered to PURCHASER on or before 2 days after transfer of title. Possession is subject to tenants rights, if any. SELLER shall be entitled to reside on the premises (SELLER's suite only, if multi-dwelling) rental fire.

6. days from the date deed is filed for record. Beginning the day SELLER shall pay \$ 3.0. Per day rent to purchaser until the 10 day, or ectual possession. 8. [PRORATIONS] General taxes, special assessments, tenants rents and Homaowner and/or Condominium Association dues and fees if any, are to be prorated from date of title transfer. Taxes shall be prorated according to the latest available tax duplicate. Tenant security deposits if any, shall be cradited to the purchaser through escrow. The parties hereto agree to adjust directly any change in taxes resulting from either a change in valuation prorated from date of title transfer. Taxes shall be prorated according to the latest available tax duplicate. Tenant security deposits if any, shall be cradited to the purchaser through eacrow. The parties hereto agree to adjust directly any change in taxes resulting from either a change in valuation accurring before title transfer for from existing but makeseased unprovements.

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STREET ADDRESS Pamela LIESKA PURCHASER 216) OH 44113 PURCHASER

15. IACCEPTANCE! The undersigned SELLER ACCEPTS the above offer and agrees to all the conditions stated above and understanding that the commission is negotiable agrees to pay, by irrevocable assignment of escrow funds, a total commission of Percent of the purchase price or a minimum of \$3500.00, whichever is greater for its services as Broker (50%) to CENTURY 21 Arrow Realty LLC. 4975 Turney Rd., Garrierd His., Ohio 44125, and (50%) to AEMAX EAST SIDE REALTY as the sole procuring agents in this transaction. SELLERS REPRESENT THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF NO HIDDEN OR LATENT MATERIAL DEFECTS IN THE PROPERTY EXCEPT THE SOLUTION OF 41-7774 -02 1 216-663

THIS AGREEMENT IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF LAW, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

PURCHASERS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THE ABOVE DISCLOSURERS AND/OR CHANGES MADE BY THE SELLER.

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### ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE AGGREEMENT

PAMELA LIESKE	(Purchaser)
and FRANCIS KOBIAK AND KATHY KOBIAK	(Seller)
for property located at 49-25 PARWAY DR.	}
in the City of GARFIELD HTS.	, Ohio.
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Exhibit C

## John M. Gundy, Jr., Ltd.

Attorney at Law

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February 9th, 2004

Francis D. Koblak Kathryn A. Rolfe 206 Tilley Ave. Centralia, WA 98531

Re: 4925 Parkway Drive, Garfield Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Koblak and Ms. Rolfe:

Please be advised that I have been retained by Pam Lieske regarding her purchase of your home. In the Residential Property Disclosure Form you indicated that there were no problems with the sewer system and that the basement once had a water problem but it was corrected when the city cleaned the roots out of the sewer. The cities records on this issue show that the house had ongoing water problems through 2001 and that the problem was never permanently corrected.

Three of your neighbors, Linda Stutzman, Terri Denninger and Alisa Martin have confirmed that the house and backyard flooded repeatedly. Dirt was placed in the northern property line to limit the flooding.

Shortly after taking possession of the house it flooded causing damage to my clients personal belongings. My client has paid \$5,900 in repairs for this problem. She has estimates for an additional \$10,909 in estimated repairs, Additionally she has lost hundreds of dollars in personal property and spent countless hours working to repair these longstanding problems that you were required by law to disclose. I have enclosed the cities report on this house, the Disclosure Form and the estimates. Please call me to discuss a resolution of this issue immediately. If we can not resolve this amicably I will be forced to seek redress through the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County.

Sincerely Yours,

John M. Gundy Jr.

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

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PAM LIESKE 4925 PARKWAY DRIVE GARFIELD HTS., OHIO 44125 Plaintiff	)  CASE NO.:  Judge: WILLIAM J COYNE
vs	CV 04 534272
Francis D. Koblak 206 Tilley Ave. Centralia, WA 98531	
and Kathryn A. Rolfe AKA Kathryn A. Koblak 206 Tilley Ave. Centralia, WA 98531 Defendant	COMPLAINT ) ) ) ) ) )

Now comes, Plaintiff though and by her attorney state her cause of action:

- Plaintiff purchased a home on or about June 28, 2002 located at 4925 Parkway
   Drive in the city of Garfield Hts. State of Ohio 44125.
- Plaintiff, relied upon a Residential Property Disclosure Form in purchasing this
  property.
- Defendants indicated in the Residential Property Disclosure Form that there
  were no problems with the sewer system, and that the basement once had a water
  problem which was corrected.
- Garfield Heights maintenance records indicate that the house had ongoing water
   problems through 2001 and that the problem was never permanently corrected.
- 5. Since purchasing the house the backyard and basement have flooded repeatedly.

- 6. Plaintiff states that these floods have damaged her personal belongings, and decreased the value of the property, and had she known of these problems she would not have purchase the home or paid significantly less for the property.
- 7. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for the damages she has suffered as a result of their failure to disclose these known problems on the Residential Property Disclosure forms and for the verbal assurances given to Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against the Defendants jointly and severally in the amount of Twenty Thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) together with interest, costs and such further relief as this court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Gundy, (#60148)

30100 Chagrin Blvd. Pepper Pike Ohio 44124

Exhibit E\_

## **INCIDENT REPORT FORM**

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4925	PARKWAY	BLOCKED SEWER	45' PAPER OUT	AUGUST 16, 2000
4925	PARKWAY	BLOCKED SEWER	75'	DECEMB 09, 2000
4925	PARKWAY	BLOCKED SEWER	60' NOTHING ON CUTTER/CALL	FEBRUAR 18, 2001
4925	PARKWAY	BLOCKED SEWER/TV	BELLY/DOWN SPOUTS	JANUARY 19, 2001

Monday, May 12, 2003

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COMMISSIONERS
Jimmy Dimora
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Tim McCormack

September 26, 2003

Ms. Pam Litski 4925 Parkway Ave. Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Ms. Litski,

This letter outlines the service that was performed by the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers Sewer Maintenance Department at your residence at 4925 Parkway, Garfield Heights.

The City Engineer, Bob Tomesak has asked that our department inspect your storm sewer system. The recent flooding you have experienced along with the fact that your sanitary lateral has a backflow preventer installed on it, leads us to believe that the reasons for the flooding in your home is because of the storm sewer system. In order for us to check the storm system we will have to locate the storm lateral.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2003, after excavating the property, our construction crew uncovered a 6" storm lateral coming from the front of the house. This lateral appears to have been installed too deep for the connection on the city main storm sewer. The installers of this line bypassed this problem by connecting the foundation and storm drains from the left side of the house into the sanitary lateral. The right side storm drains are tied in properly.

This improper connection of the storm sewer is a contributing factor in the flooding in the basement and also contributes to the overloading of the sanitary mainlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John P. Neff JPN Maintenance Manager

Department of Development, Sanitary Engineering Division, 6100 W. Canal Road, Valley View, Ohio 44125 (216) 443-8237, FAX (216) 443-8086, Ohio Relay Service 711



Mike Behory Berea Contractors 6410 Columbia Road Olmsted Township, OH 44138

John Gundy, Attorney 30100 Chagrin, Suite 301 Pepper Pike, OH 44124

21 February 2005

Dear Mr. Gundy:

As the owner of Berea Contractors, I have repaired water and drainage problems on numerous houses over the last twenty years, and consider myself an expert in the field.

I am very familiar with the flooding and drainage problems at 4925 Parkway Drive in Garfield Heights, Ohio and have examined the house at least five times. I first examined the house and spoke with Ms. Lieske in July 2003, after the installation of drain tile in the backyard and the second flooding of her basement. At that time I told her that it was my opinion that combined sanitary and sewer lines were likely the root cause of her problems and the reason why the drain tile did not correct the flooding. I next spoke with her after the city engineer visited her house and refused to acknowledge the possibility of combined sanitary and storm lines on her property.

I was also present when the Garfield Heights Service Department first discovered combined sanitary and storm lines with video cameras and again when the county unclogged two storm laterals from the front and southwest corner of the house. In September my company removed footer tile out of the sanitary line near the foundation, installed a new storm line from the left side of the house that connected to the opening left by the county, and installed a sump pump in the basement. Ms. Lieske is aware that additional work to separate sanitary and storm lines needs to be done on the north side of the house (garage and patio area), and she has estimates for this work.

It is my professional opinion that the complexity of water problems at Ms. Lieske's house (standing water in backyard, basement flooding, sewer back-up) are long-standing and have occurred over many years, even decades. My examination of, and work on the house, attest to this fact.

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Sincerely,

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